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1. WHEN MSA COUNSELOR GARDNER PRESENTED REF A LANGUAGE

FOR ARTICLE XXII, PARA 6, TO GOT TEAM LEADER ASULA

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DURING INFORMAL MARCH 15 WORKING SESSION, ASULA STATED

THAT THERE WAS VIRTUALLY NO CHANCE HIS AUTHORITIES COULD ACCEPT IT. GARDNER ARGUED STRONGLY FOR THIS LATEST U.S. FORMULATION AS BEING VERY CLOSE TO TEXT EARLIER AGREED UPON AND EVENTUALLY OFFERED ADDITIONAL SENTENCE TO THE EFFECT THAT THE PRIMARY MISSIONS OF THE INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION INSTALLATIONS WOULD BE DISCONTINUED ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF TERMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT. ASULA REPEATED HIS EARLIER ASSURANCES THAT COMMAND AND CONTROL AND NATO/SOFA PROVISIONS WOULD REMAIN IN EFFECT DURING WITHDRAWAL BUT STATED IT WAS POLITICALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOT TO GO BEYOND DCA LANGUAGE. THE DCA, ASULA ELABORATED, HAS BECOME HIGHLY POLITICIZED DOCUMENT, GOT WAS RUNNING RISK WITH USE OF AGREED MINUTE LANGUAGE AND CHANGING DCA LANGUAGE IN U.S. FAVOR ON ISSUES SUCH AS THIS WAS CLEARLY UNACCEPTABLE. ASULA, IN FACT, ALTHOUGH NOT YET WITHDRAWING THE AGREED TABLE LANGUAGE, SEEMS ANXIOUS TO MOVE TO THE GOT LANGUAGE OF MARCH 2 (REF B). HE ALSO EVINCED LACK OF INTEREST IN ANY FORMULA ALONG THE LINES THAT SUGGESTED REF C. COMMENT. WE DO NOT BELIEVE WE CAN TAKE THIS PARAGRAPH FURTHER HERE.

2. ASULA ALSO PRESENTED NEW LANGUAGE TO BE PLACED IN TURKISH BRACKETS AT ARTICLE XXII, PARAGRAPH 1 TO REMOVE THE INCONSISTENCY NOTED REF D. THE NEW GOT PROPOSAL STRIKES ALL LANGUAGE AFTER THE WORD "NLESS" AND SUBSTITUTES THE FOLLOWING: "THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY ELECTS NOT TO EXTEND THE VALIDITY OF THE AGREEMENT PURSUANT

TO ARTICLE XX, PARAGRAPH A9 HEREOF."

COMMENT: GARDNER NOTED TO ASULA THE ONE-SIDED APPEARANCE OF THIS NEW LANGUAGE BUT STATED THAT, SINCE IT REMAINED IN TURKISH BRACKETS, THERE SEEMED NO POINT IN PURSUING THIS MATTER UNTIL THERE IS A RESOLUTION OF THE DURATION OF THE OVERALL AGREEMENT.

3. WITH REGARD TO THE LEAD IN FOR ARTICLE XXII, PARAGRAPHS 5 AND 6 (REF C), ASULA SUGGESTED THAT IT BE SHORTENED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "IN THE EVENT OF TERMINATION OF THIS AGREEMENT." COMMENT: WE

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BELIEVE THIS TO BE AN ACCEPTABLE FORMULA AND RECOMMEND WASHINGTON APPROVAL TO CONCUR IN IT.

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